1	IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
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3	TIMOTHY STUART RING, :
4	Petitioner :
5	v. : No. 01-488
6	ARIZONA. :
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9	Monday, April 22, 2002
10	The above-entitled matter came on for oral
11	argument before the Supreme Court of the United States at
12	11:04 a.m.
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1	PROCEEDINGS
2	(11:04 a.m.)
3	CHIEF JUSTICE REHNQUIST: We'll hear argument
4	next in No. 01-488, Timothy Stuart Ring v. Arizona.
5	Mr. Hurwitz.
6	ORAL ARGUMENT OF ANDREW D. HURWITZ
7	ON BEHALF OF THE PETITIONER
8	MR. HURWITZ: Mr. Chief Justice, and may it
9	please the Court:
10	In Apprendi v. New Jersey, this Court held that
11	the Sixth Amendment guarantee of jury trial extends to the
12	finding of any fact that exposes the defendant to a
13	greater sentence than he could have received on the basis
14	of the jury verdict alone. We submit that that principle
15	controls this case.
16	In Arizona, a defendant convicted of first
17	degree murder may be sentenced on the basis of the jury
18	verdict alone only to a sentence of life imprisonment.
19	The judge in Arizona has no power, no legal discretion
20	under the law to sentence a convicted first degree murder
21	defendant to death.
22	QUESTION: Well, if you're correct, Mr. Hurwitz,
23	I take it we would have to overrule not merely Walton, but
24	Clemons against Mississippi, Cabana against Bullock, and

Spaziano against Florida.

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1	MR. HURWITZ: Your Honor, let me take those
2	cases separately because I do not think that at least two
3	of them are implicated by the position that we urge today.
4	Certainly Walton would be have to be would be
5	overruled because it's directly on point.
6	And certainly, to the extent that Spaziano says
7	that a judge may, in the first instance, make the finding
8	of fact to to of of an aggravating circumstance
9	in order to allow a death sentence, it would be also it
10	would be also implicated and overruled by the position we
11	urge today.
12	With respect to Clemons, Clemons was a case in
13	which a jury made findings of fact on multiple counts that
14	allowed a defendant to be sentenced to death, and the
15	issue on appeal was rather whether, one of more of those
16	factors having fallen out, the remaining factors could be
17	weighed against mitigating factors for purposes of
18	determining in the sentencing phase, the discretionary
19	phase of the of the capital punishment issue, whether
20	or not there could be imposed a capital punishment at that
21	point. So, I do not believe that Clemons is implicated by
22	our position today.
23	Rather, our point is very
24	QUESTION: How about Cabana?
25	MR. HURWITZ: Cabana, Your Honor, I suggest is a

- 1 more difficult question. Its reasoning would be
- 2 implicated by our position today, but I -- as we suggested
- 3 in our brief, I think there is a distinction. In Cabana
- 4 -- or Cabana -- the issue was whether or not a particular
- 5 sentence, where all the facts necessary under State law
- 6 had been found by the jury, was unconstitutional as
- 7 applied to a particular defendant. That sort of as-
- 8 applied analysis is the kind of thing that judges
- 9 typically do. They look at the law and lay it next to the
- 10 facts of the case and determine whether or not that law,
- as applied, is unconstitutional with respect to a
- 12 particular defendant or a particular sentence.
- 13 The issue posed by -- by this case and by
- 14 Apprendi is, I think, a quite different one. It is when
- 15 State law expressly requires a number of factors as a
- 16 prerequisite to the imposition of a particular penalty,
- the maximum penalty allowed by law, whether or not the
- 18 State can systematically deny to defendants in those cases
- 19 the right to a jury trial.
- 20 QUESTION: What other States have schemes that
- 21 under your position would also fail the Apprendi test?
- 22 MR. HURWITZ: Your Honor, we -- I think we
- 23 attempted to summarize the -- the status on page 38 of our
- 24 brief. We think there are eight or nine States whose
- 25 systems would be implicated by this. But what is not

- 1 clear in all of those States -- and to take Florida as an
- 2 example, Your Honor -- is whether or not in a system
- 3 which, as this Court suggested in Jones, where the jury
- 4 makes, by implication or by necessity, a finding of a
- 5 particular aggravating factor in order to recommend a
- 6 death sentence, whether or not that system would -- would
- 7 be affected by the principle that we urge. Certainly
- 8 those States where there is no jury involved in finding
- 9 the necessary aggravating circumstance would be the ones
- 10 that would be implicated, and I would suggest that that
- 11 category is probably somewhat less than the category in
- 12 footnote 35 of our brief.
- 13 It is clear, however, that whatever the effect
- on other States, Arizona's system precisely complies and
- 15 precisely matches up to the rule that this Court announced
- 16 in Apprendi. It is simply not possible in Arizona for a
- 17 judge to impose this sentence of death without first
- 18 finding a fact that Arizona's State law specifies is
- 19 necessary for the imposition of that maximum punishment.
- 20 And under that circumstance, we suggest there is no basis
- 21 for distinction of Apprendi.
- Now, the State has suggested in this case that
- 23 one basis for a distinction is that the Arizona statute
- 24 says, within one single statute, the range of punishment,
- 25 the possible punishment for first degree murder is either

- 1 life -- life without possibility of parole, or death. But
- 2 I would suggest that distinction makes no difference.
- 3 Certainly in the Jones case, the precursor to
- 4 Apprendi, a case that this Court considered a year before
- 5 Apprendi, a single statute set forth the range of
- 6 punishment. In the Harris case, the case this Court
- 7 considered only several weeks ago, where the government
- 8 conceded that section 841, the drug statute, was covered
- 9 by Apprendi, several different punishments are set forth
- in a single statute.
- It is difficult to believe that Apprendi would
- have been -- come out differently, that there would have
- 13 been a different result in that case, if the statute
- instead read there's a possible punishment of 20 years for
- discharging a firearm with racial motivation, but the last
- 16 5 years may not be imposed. You may not exceed 15 years
- in the absence of racial motivation.
- 18 QUESTION: If we were to accept your position,
- 19 Mr. Hurwitz, what would it do to the Federal Sentencing
- 20 Guidelines?
- 21 MR. HURWITZ: Mr. Chief Justice, let me focus on
- 22 only one aspect of the sentencing quidelines because it
- 23 seems to me that there's no implication whatsoever for
- 24 downward departures and that the -- this Court has already
- 25 made clear, as the quidelines themselves say, that you

- 1 can't exceed the maximum sentence provided by the
- 2 underlying substantive statute.
- So, if I can focus on the question of what would
- 4 happen --
- 5 QUESTION: Upward -- upward adjustments within
- 6 the maximum.
- 7 MR. HURWITZ: Yes, Mr. Chief Justice. With
- 8 respect to those, I think there is a distinction, and let
- 9 me suggest it to the Court.
- In Arizona, the -- the judge simply has no legal
- 11 power, no discretion, no ability whatsoever to impose a
- 12 sentence greater than life in the absence of finding a
- 13 particular aggravating circumstance specified by the State
- 14 in its statutes.
- With respect to the sentencing guidelines, a
- 16 judge has discretion, and we know that because you review
- 17 sentencing decisions for abuse of discretion. So, the
- 18 judge has the legal discretion to impose a sentence in
- 19 excess of the so-called presumptive range upon the finding
- 20 or upon noting in the record any number of particular
- 21 facts, not specified by statute.
- QUESTION: Yes, but he didn't -- it's a strange
- 23 kind of discretion that can be reversed on appeal. He
- 24 doesn't have discretion. The whole purpose of the
- 25 quidelines is to eliminate the discretion, to say you must

- 1 give this sentence if these factors exist.
- MR. HURWITZ: Justice Scalia, my point is, I
- 3 think, that in our case the judge has no power at all. He
- 4 can never find -- he can never exceed that particular
- 5 limit, the limit being life, in the absence of -- in the
- 6 absence of finding a fact specified by the State, a fact
- 7 chosen by the State as necessary to impose the sentence.
- The sentencing guidelines strike me as somewhat
- 9 distinguishable because the range of factors that a judge
- 10 may choose to depart upwards is -- is by the guidelines
- 11 relatively unlimited.
- 12 QUESTION: Well, in -- in this case, the
- aggravating fact was killing for pecuniary gain.
- MR. HURWITZ: Correct, Justice --
- 15 QUESTION: And that was clearly implicit, if not
- 16 explicit, in the jury's finding.
- 17 MR. HURWITZ: I -- I would suggest neither in
- 18 this case, Your Honor.
- 19 QUESTION: They didn't find a robbery?
- 20 MR. HURWITZ: The jury found a robbery, but
- 21 under Arizona law, as the cases make quite clear, in order
- in a felony murder case for there to be a finding of
- 23 pecuniary gain, or in any murder case to be a finding of
- 24 pecuniary gain, there must be a showing that the murder
- 25 itself was motivated by a desire for pecuniary gain. And

- 1 the Arizona Supreme Court has said on three or four
- 2 occasions it is not enough that a murder was committed in
- 3 connection with a robbery or, indeed, even in connection
- 4 with a felony murder. The issue is motivation for the
- 5 particular homicide.
- In this case, the Arizona Supreme Court said
- 7 expressly we can't tell from the trial record why the
- 8 driver was killed. There is virtually no evidence in this
- 9 trial record as to why the driver was killed. It was on
- 10 the record made in the post-trial proceedings, the record
- 11 made on the basis of the accomplice testimony, that the
- 12 Arizona Supreme Court concluded that.
- So, in this case when the Arizona Supreme Court
- 14 says two things -- one is the issue for pecuniary gain is
- whether or not there has been proof of the motivation for
- 16 the murder, and second, in this case we can't tell why the
- 17 person was murdered -- I would suggest there is neither a
- 18 necessary, implicit, or even logical finding by the jury
- in this case of -- of pecuniary gain. The Arizona Supreme
- 20 Court I think addressed that issue quite straightforwardly
- 21 and directly.
- Now, the State suggests that one distinction
- 23 between this case and Apprendi is the idea that these
- 24 aggravating circumstances are so-called sentencing
- 25 factors, not elements of the crime. But I think that --

- 1 that argument was answered in Apprendi.
- What this Court said in Apprendi was that the
- 3 real test is not one of labels. The real test is one of
- 4 function. Is this a fact that is necessary under the
- 5 State law to allow the judge to sentence somebody to the
- 6 maximum sentence provided by law? And plainly it is, and
- 7 whether you call these aggravating circumstances
- 8 sentencing enhancements or whether you call them elements,
- 9 you arrive, I would suggest, at the same result. This
- 10 case on its face is covered by Apprendi.
- One way to -- one way to -- to get into that
- issue is to -- is to imagine the following circumstance.
- 13 Let's assume that Arizona law, instead of providing
- 14 precisely what it does now, said instead that the penalty
- for first degree murder is life without -- is life with
- 16 possibility of parole. But that penalty may be increased
- 17 to life without possibility of parole upon finding of one
- 18 of 10 specific aggravating circumstances, so that we had
- 19 exactly the same statute that we have now, but at the
- 20 first level you get life with possibility of parole after
- 21 25 years, and at this next level, you got life without
- 22 possibility of parole. I don't think there could be any
- 23 doubt, under those circumstances that on its face the rule
- 24 this Court set forth in Apprendi would apply.
- 25 QUESTION: I think that's true, and I think that

- 1 in the -- in the normal circumstance when a State does
- 2 something like that, even if it is not calling it an
- 3 element of the crime, it is an element of the crime.
- What we have here, however, this -- this statute
- 5 was enacted in -- in what? '73?
- 6 MR. HURWITZ: Initially in '73, Justice Scalia.
- 7 QUESTION: Which was the year after Furman. And
- 8 what Arizona was saying was, you know, we -- we never
- 9 thought we had to have any finding of aggravated --
- 10 aggravating factors in order to impose the death penalty,
- 11 but the Supreme Court, in a decision that -- that had no
- 12 -- no rooting in the common law, said that we cannot
- impose capital punishment without aggravating
- 14 circumstances. Okay. We'll make a finding of aggravating
- 15 circumstances necessary and we'll have that finding made
- 16 by a judge.
- Now, I -- I don't regard that as Arizona
- 18 adopting the aggravating circumstance as an element of the
- 19 crime, nor does the statute read that way. So, you're --
- 20 you're talking about something that is unprecedented in --
- 21 in the common law. You're talking about a finding that
- 22 has been mandated by the Supreme Court and the issue is
- 23 whether the finding mandated by the Supreme Court has to
- 24 be made by the jury or -- or the judge. And we've said in
- several cases that it's enough if it's made by the judge.

- 1 Now, why isn't --
- 2 MR. HURWITZ: Justice --
- 3 QUESTION: -- why isn't that enough to resolve
- 4 the case?
- 5 MR. HURWITZ: Justice Scalia, if the -- if the
- 6 point here is that the State was forced to do this and,
- 7 therefore, this cannot be an element under the Apprendi
- 8 test, I would suggest that presents several analytical
- 9 problems.
- 10 The first is that this Court has said on any
- 11 number of occasions to the States, here is something that
- must be in your law. The very same term that this Court
- decided Furman or the year before, it decided Miller, and
- 14 in Miller it said if you want to have a constitutional
- obscenity law, State, you must have a specific definition
- in that State -- in the law of the kind of conduct that
- 17 you wish to -- to punish, the kind of -- the depiction of
- 18 the kind of conduct that you wish to punish. We're not
- 19 telling you, States, by the way, what specific factor you
- 20 have to have. You decide. Here are some suggestions.
- 21 Arizona, the year after Miller was decided,
- 22 amended its statutes to add to its obscenity laws a
- 23 specific requirement with respect to proof of specific
- 24 types of sexual conduct. This Court made them do that.
- 25 The Constitution made them do that. But I do not believe

- 1 it would be suggested that those specific elements of the
- 2 crime, those specific factors that are necessary to impose
- 3 the maximum punishment allowed by law, are somehow
- 4 exempted from the Sixth Amendment for that reason.
- 5 QUESTION: No, but in -- in the -- in the
- 6 obscenity field, we didn't invite the kind of procedure
- 7 that -- that was adopted here by -- by establishing a
- 8 separate -- a separate category, the -- you know, the --
- 9 the guilt phase and the penalty phase. We -- we invited
- 10 the -- the severing of the trial into those -- into those
- 11 two portions. And it seems to me it's up to us whether
- the constitutional requirement that we've imposed upon the
- 13 States requires a finding by the judge or a finding by the
- 14 jury. It's -- it's simply not was simple as to say, well,
- it's an element of the crime and therefore has to be found
- 16 by the jury. It's -- it's rather what does the -- what
- does the Constitution, as interpreted by this Court,
- 18 demand.
- 19 MR. HURWITZ: Justice Scalia, let me -- let me
- 20 come at that at -- at two levels.
- The first one is I think the basic
- 22 constitutional principle that underlies the Sixth
- 23 Amendment. And that principle, as this Court articulated
- 24 in both Jones and Apprendi, is the notion that before
- 25 you're handed over to the State and before the State is

- 1 allowed to exact the maximum punishment permitted by law,
- 2 a jury of your peers is allowed to you to find those facts
- 3 to put the State in that position. Certainly that
- 4 principle is directly implicated by the death penalty
- 5 situation on its face. So, this underlying Sixth
- 6 Amendment principle strikes me as no different.
- 7 With respect to bifurcation, there is, of
- 8 course, no constitutional requirement that the aggravating
- 9 circumstances be found in a penalty phase of the trial.
- 10 This Court has made clear on any number of occasions that
- 11 the aggravating circumstances, these so-called narrowing
- 12 circumstances, the facts necessary under State law to
- 13 allow the imposition of a death penalty can be found in
- the so-called quilt phase of the trial.
- 15 QUESTION: But if -- if Apprendi was based on a
- 16 long common law history, as -- as it certainly seems to
- 17 have been, wouldn't that distinguish it from the
- 18 aggravating/mitigating, which certainly is not based on
- 19 common law history at all?
- MR. HURWITZ: Mr. Chief Justice, it strikes me
- 21 that the common law history here makes the central
- 22 principle. The central principle in the common law
- 23 history is, after all, the one that Apprendi and Jones
- 24 articulate about the protection of the Sixth Amendment.
- 25 The procedure faced in Apprendi was not known at the

- 1 common law. The procedure of having a specific
- 2 aggravating factor that might enhance a sentence was
- 3 unknown to the common law. Yet, this Court in Apprendi
- 4 said the basic Sixth Amendment principle that underlies --
- 5 underlied the adoption of the Sixth Amendment in 1791
- 6 should apply to this circumstance. I think that's --
- 7 QUESTION: Mr. Hurwitz, may I ask why you have
- 8 -- you have certainly made a case about the aggravating
- 9 circumstances, but you haven't put, as part of that case,
- 10 the so-called Enmund/Tison findings. And it seems to me
- that if in Arizona someone can be put to death only if he
- 12 was the triggerman, or was a -- what is the other phrase,
- a major participant, you haven't made anything of those
- 14 factors, and I think if -- if the aggravating factor has
- 15 to be found by the jury, then surely those would have to
- 16 be as well.
- MR. HURWITZ: Justice Ginsburg, that may well be
- 18 the case. As I think I suggested in response to the Chief
- 19 Justice's initial question, it -- it has struck us that
- there is a difference between the sort of as-applied
- 21 analysis that an Enmund/Tison finding requires, a
- 22 proportionality analysis, and the issue of whether the
- 23 State systematically denies with respect to a particular
- 24 factor that it's picked out, and nothing in this Court's
- 25 jurisprudence required the State to adopt any particular

- 1 aggravating circumstance.
- With respect to those particular factors, it
- 3 strikes us that's at the core of Apprendi. I don't resist
- 4 the suggestion that perhaps the principle in Apprendi
- 5 extends farther, and it extends to -- to the Enmund/Tison
- 6 findings. What I do suggest is that -- is that the core
- of Apprendi, the very central holding of the case
- 8 necessarily extends to facts which the State itself has
- 9 said in its statutes are necessary in order to find -- in
- order to allow the maximum punishment to be imposed by
- 11 law.
- 12 QUESTION: But -- but the other factor you
- haven't discussed is the mitigating circumstances.
- MR. HURWITZ: Correct, Justice Kennedy.
- 15 QUESTION: The common law, in defining elements,
- 16 doesn't usually have some factors on the other side that
- 17 -- that are mitigating. Perhaps -- perhaps you can
- 18 suggest some examples where they do. But again, this goes
- 19 very much, it seems to me, to show that this is part of
- 20 our Eighth Amendment protections that have been mandated.
- 21 In Apprendi, the judge could always, once he or she found
- the racial animus, enhance the sentence; in fact, had to.
- 23 Here there's still a balancing that has to take place and
- 24 -- and that -- that certainly is -- is not something
- 25 classically reserved for the function and province of the

- 1 jury.
- MR. HURWITZ: And that's -- that's correct,
- 3 Justice Kennedy, and we don't suggest that mitigating
- 4 circumstances or circumstances that suggest leniency must
- 5 be found by the jury. It has always been the case that
- once the judge was empowered to enter the maximum sentence
- 7 allowed by law, that judge could consider whatever factors
- 8 or the State could consider, in -- in whatever form it did
- 9 so, those factors that might provide for a sentence of
- 10 less than the maximum sentence allowed by law.
- 11 QUESTION: What about that kind of argument that
- 12 initially Justices Stewart and Powell and Stevens have
- made, that there's a necessary connection between the
- 14 determination that death in a case is not cruel and
- 15 unusual and the jury is doing the weighing in order to
- show that it reflects a community sentiment in that
- 17 community that the death penalty is not cruel and unusual?
- 18 MR. HURWITZ: And, Justice Breyer, had this
- 19 Court accepted that as -- as a correct statement of the
- 20 Eighth Amendment, we obviously wouldn't be here today.
- 21 We're operating -- we're operating with the constraints of
- 22 this Court's decisions which have said that kind of jury
- 23 weighing, that kind of jury sentencing is not required
- 24 by --
- 25 QUESTION: Were it up to you, you would make

- 1 that argument if you felt it was open.
- MR. HURWITZ: If it were open, it's an argument
- 3 we might make, but it is --
- 4 QUESTION: Well, presumably you would make any
- 5 argument that's open to you.
- 6 MR. HURWITZ: We're open.
- 7 (Laughter.)
- 8 MR. HURWITZ: To be sure, Mr. Chief Justice.
- 9 But -- but my point is it's not an argument we
- 10 need make in this case. We are not suggesting that jury
- 11 sentencing is required. We are suggesting that jury fact
- 12 finding is required.
- And if I might, let me suggest the difficulties
- of adopting a rule that somehow has one -- one approach if
- 15 something was done pre 1972 and another one after. If
- 16 Arizona had adopted this very same statute identically
- worded in 1965, when the ALI first suggested it as a
- 18 possibility to the States, it seems to me clear, on the
- 19 basis of Apprendi, that the aggravating circumstances
- 20 would be elements, or at least sentencing enhancements, as
- 21 the Court said, and required to be found by the jury.
- 22 QUESTION: But if it adopted the statute in
- 23 1965, it could have simply had the exact language that it
- 24 had and said the decision as to whether death or life is
- 25 simply up to the discretion of the judge, and it would

- 1 have been perfectly okay.
- MR. HURWITZ: Because Apprendi and Jones had not
- 3 been decided at that time, Mr. Chief Justice.
- 4 QUESTION: And because Furman had not been
- 5 decided.
- 6 MR. HURWITZ: To be sure. But my point is that
- 7 if this Court -- this Court will enact an unworkable
- 8 system if what it does is start looking at State statutes
- 9 and trying to determine whether or not particular factors
- in those statutes arose in response to Furman, before
- 11 Furman, after Furman.
- One example is suggested in our brief. The
- 13 State of New York in the mid-1960s determined to narrow
- its capital punishment laws and apply them only when the
- 15 victim was a peace officer. Arizona made that decision in
- 16 1988. Was Arizona's decision in response to a mandate
- 17 from this Court, or was Arizona's decision because, as New
- 18 York, it made a policy decision?
- 19 QUESTION: Arizona has decided to apply its
- 20 capital punishment only to when the victim was a peace
- 21 officer?
- MR. HURWITZ: No. That's one of the -- one of
- 23 the narrowing circumstances in Arizona law. And my -- my
- 24 point, Mr. Chief Justice, is let's assume two States, one
- of which made that decision in 1965, and another one made

- 1 that decision in 1988, and it was the only aggravating
- 2 circumstance that that State had adopted. Would this
- 3 Court then say, with respect to State number one, the
- 4 aggravating --
- 5 QUESTION: But here it's a whole procedure
- 6 designed to have express mitigation and -- and aggravation
- 7 to be considered by the same trier of fact and balanced.
- 8 And you -- you seem to give again very -- very little
- 9 force to the mitigation aspect.
- 10 MR. HURWITZ: Justice Kennedy, I don't mean to.
- I think it is entirely appropriate and entirely possible
- for a State to design that weighing and that mitigation
- issue to a -- to a jury. But this Court has made clear,
- 14 not only in this context, but in other contexts, that --
- 15 that a defendant is not entitled to a jury trial to
- 16 establish mitigation from the maximum sentence that the
- 17 law might allow.
- 18 Once again, I would return, I think, to the
- 19 underlying Sixth Amendment principle, as this Court stated
- 20 it in Jones and Apprendi. The notion was in 1791 that
- 21 before a defendant was put, in effect, into the tender
- 22 mercies of the State to be -- to be subjected to whatever
- 23 sentence the law might allow, first that defendant got the
- 24 right to have a jury of his peers find the facts that were
- 25 necessary to do so. He did not have the right at that

- 1 time to have a jury of his peers find whatever facts might
- 2 persuade the sentencer to give him less than the maximum
- 3 allowed by law.
- So, I would suggest that when you return to the
- 5 underlying Sixth Amendment principle here, it does provide
- a distinction between facts that would call for leniency
- 7 and facts that -- that are necessary under the State's law
- 8 to impose a particular sentence.
- 9 QUESTION: Except that Arizona has designed its
- 10 system, and you could design other systems, but it's
- 11 designed its system in order to sort out the most culpable
- offenders and it uses this balancing mechanism.
- MR. HURWITZ: Well, I would separate, Justice
- 14 Kennedy, the two parts of the death penalty process.
- There is a sorting at the front end. There is a
- 16 narrowing that is required in order to determine which
- defendants among all those convicted of homicide are, in
- 18 effect, the most culpable and can be sentenced to death.
- 19 There is a second proceeding. The second
- 20 proceeding is the sentencing proceeding. And what this
- 21 Court has made clear is that with respect to that first
- 22 proceeding, there must be specified facts. That's the
- 23 Furman analysis. And that's the aggravating circumstance
- that we contend is required under the Constitution to be
- 25 found by the jury.

- 1 With respect to the second decision, this Court
- 2 has made plain on any number of occasions that that can be
- 3 made a discretionary decision for the judge.
- 4 Proportionality measurements are no longer required at
- 5 that level. What this Court has said, however, is you
- 6 just have to let the defendant have the opportunity at
- 7 that circumstance to argue for individualized treatment or
- 8 to argue about leniency, to bring the facts pertinent to
- 9 his case to the attention of the court. So, I would
- 10 suggest it is at this first stage, this narrowing stage,
- 11 that the Apprendi principle applies.
- QUESTION: What you're saying is you're not
- entitled to a finding of -- of mitigation. You are
- 14 entitled to a finding of -- of aggravation.
- 15 MR. HURWITZ: Precisely so, Justice Scalia. And
- 16 I -- and I think not only are you not entitled to it, but
- 17 -- but there is nothing in this Court's jurisprudence that
- 18 requires that the State specify a particular fact in
- 19 mitigation.
- 20 Here we have facts chosen perhaps under the
- 21 compulsion of the Constitution, but nonetheless chosen by
- 22 the State as necessary prerequisites to the punishment.
- 23 Unless the Court has other questions, I will
- 24 reserve the balance of my time.
- QUESTION: Very well, Mr. Hurwitz.

1	General Napolitano, we'll hear from you.
2	ORAL ARGUMENT OF JANET NAPOLITANO
3	ON BEHALF OF THE RESPONDENT
4	MS. NAPOLITANO: Mr. Chief Justice, and may it
5	please the Court:
6	Opposing counsel began with Apprendi, but let me
7	take up on the suggestion by Justice Scalia that this case
8	really begins with Furman because after Furman, the States
9	were left with the mandate that death penalty decisions
10	could not be left unguided under the Eighth Amendment, but
11	requires a standard of judgment.
12	Some States imposed mandatory death sentences, a
13	practice this Court later found unconstitutional. In
14	contrast, Arizona amended its death penalty statute to
15	comply with Furman by adding a series of factors which the
16	judge would take into account in choosing between the
17	alternative punishments of life or death.
18	In Walton, this Court fully considered and
19	upheld the constitutionality of Arizona's law. The
20	question now is whether at this late date Apprendi
21	requires you to overrule Walton. And the answer is no.
22	Apprendi is a Sixth Amendment issue. Furman, Walton, and
23	this case Ring concern the Eighth Amendment.
24	In addition, principles of stare decisis are
25	heavily implicated here because, as Chief Justice

- 1 Rehnquist mentioned, there have been any number of
- 2 precedents in this Court that would be implicitly, if not
- 3 explicitly, overruled should this Court overrule Walton.
- 4 Let me, if I might, turn to two important
- 5 distinctions between Ring and -- and Apprendi. One is
- 6 substantive and one I would call formal.
- 7 The substantive distinction is this. The
- 8 sentencing statute in Arizona derived from Furman. It was
- 9 passed in 1973. The pecuniary gain aggravating factor was
- one of the original aggravating factors in that statute.
- 11 There was never a -- a suggestion that Arizona was playing
- 12 a game, moving something that previously had been an
- 13 element into the sentencing factor side of the statute.
- 14 There's never been any suggestion that this was anything
- other than a way to decide which of all first degree
- 16 murders deserve the death penalty.
- 17 QUESTION: Are we going to have to try to figure
- 18 that out case by case with -- with respect to every
- 19 State's statute, as Mr. Hurwitz suggested we -- we would
- 20 have to do?
- MS. NAPOLITANO: Your Honor, I think --
- 22 QUESTION: I mean, what about the New York
- 23 statute that -- you know, that makes an aggravating
- 24 circumstance the death of a -- of a peace officer?
- MS. NAPOLITANO: Your Honor, I think what you

- 1 have to do is just look at what was the underlying first
- degree murder statute, what is the underlying statute
- 3 which gives rise to the possibility of a death penalty.
- 4 In Arizona, the underlying first degree murder
- 5 statute has been the same since 1901, and in fact, around
- 6 the country, most first degree murder statutes can trace
- 7 their routes to England in terms of how they are defined,
- 8 the mens rea, the actus reus, and the causation
- 9 requirements.
- 10 QUESTION: But you're --
- MS. NAPOLITANO: It's not a difficult process to
- 12 go through.
- QUESTION: But you're saying -- the implication
- of what you're saying is that any, in effect, departure or
- innovation in the modern law which doesn't have a clear
- 16 antecedent, at least as of the time of the -- of the
- 17 framing, is exempt -- is a fact exempt from the jury trial
- 18 requirement. I mean, that's -- that -- we'd have to adopt
- 19 that rule in order to see it your way.
- 20 MS. NAPOLITANO: No. No, Your Honor, you would
- 21 not have to adopt such a blanket rule. What I am
- 22 suggesting is this. In a situation where you have a
- 23 statutory scheme that quite clearly, plainly, and
- 24 unequivocally derives from this Court's Eighth Amendment
- 25 jurisprudence, some of the Sixth Amendment questions that

- were raised in Apprendi are not implicated. And you can
- 2 make --
- 3 QUESTION: So, if the State comes up with a new
- 4 condition, the jury trial guarantee applies. If this
- 5 Court comes up with it, for whatever reason, it does not
- 6 apply.
- 7 MS. NAPOLITANO: Not necessarily, Your Honor.
- 8 And it gets you into the discussion of what is the intent
- 9 of the legislature, what does it mean to be an element of
- 10 the crime in the first place. But under --
- 11 QUESTION: Why -- why does it matter whether
- it's an element or not? I mean, doesn't Apprendi say call
- it an element, call it a factor, we don't care what you
- 14 call it? If it's a fact necessary, et cetera, it's got to
- 15 be found by the jury.
- 16 MS. NAPOLITANO: Well, I think in -- in looking
- 17 at McMillan and Jones and Apprendi and that whole line,
- there has been a question created by this Court as what is
- 19 an element because if it's an element, what this Court has
- 20 said is it has to be charged, it has to be proved beyond a
- reasonable doubt, and it has to go to the jury. If it's a
- 22 sentencing factor, if it's -- if that's what's going on,
- 23 those requirements do not apply.
- QUESTION: Well, let me -- let me go back. I --
- 25 in effect, I sort of put you off track here. You -- you

- were saying that there isn't a simple distinction on your
- 2 theory between facts added by a legislature and facts
- 3 required by this Court. So, tell me -- tell me why there
- 4 isn't such a distinction as -- as you're arquing it now.
- MS. NAPOLITANO: What we're arguing, Your Honor,
- is that when a fact is found purely for the purpose of
- 7 sentencing -- and -- and recognize the fact here murder
- 8 for pecuniary gain was never a part of the definition of
- 9 first degree murder. First degree murder is the
- intentional killing of another or a felony murder with
- 11 certain underlying felony predicates. The jury found that
- 12 here. It was charged here. There was a death notice in
- 13 the actual indictment.
- 14 QUESTION: Right.
- 15 MS. NAPOLITANO: The jury was death qualified.
- 16 So, there's no question of surprise here.
- 17 QUESTION: Well, are you -- are you saying then
- 18 that if a legislature adds a fact -- call it an element if
- 19 you want -- purely for purposes of determining the
- 20 sentence, that that too would be exempt from the -- the
- 21 guarantee of the jury trial?
- MS. NAPOLITANO: I think it could be exempt
- 23 depending on the circumstances, yes, Your Honor.
- QUESTION: But would it be -- I mean, is that
- 25 the theory that you're arguing?

- MS. NAPOLITANO: Yes that there are --
- 2 QUESTION: I just want to know what you're --
- 3 you're arguing.
- 4 MS. NAPOLITANO: Yes, Your Honor. I'm sorry.
- 5 That there are some facts that the legislature is entitled
- to find which don't go to the definition of the crime but
- 7 go to the punishment. And this Court has never held that
- 8 there's a Sixth Amendment right to jury sentencing.
- 9 QUESTION: What -- what do you do with the
- 10 broader principle which we express from time to time that
- 11 the -- the ultimate point of the jury right in -- in a
- criminal case is to -- is to place the jury between the
- 13 defendant and the State? If -- if that's a fair
- 14 statement, then you're saying, well, only part way between
- 15 the defendant and the State.
- 16 MS. NAPOLITANO: In the death penalty context,
- 17 Your Honor, this Court has already limited the kind of
- offenses for which the death penalty can even be a
- 19 possibility. So, you don't have the kind of broad ranging
- 20 legislative discretion that you would in another
- 21 circumstance. That's why I say you -- you -- in those
- 22 kinds of non-death cases, you may have to do a different
- 23 kind of analysis.
- 24 But in the unique context of the death penalty
- 25 world where you have to have either a first degree murder

- 1 or a felony murder -- and if it's a felony murder and you
- 2 have a non-shooter, you have to make the Enmund/Tison
- finding, and that has to be made and can be made by the
- 4 judge -- there -- the legislature is not -- they're not
- 5 charging the death penalty for jaywalking.
- And then the question is, all right, is the
- 7 legislature entitled under the Eighth Amendment or does
- 8 the legislature under the Eighth Amendment have to channel
- 9 discretion? And they do.
- And then the question is, does Apprendi somehow
- 11 require that that Eighth Amendment jurisprudence be
- 12 converted into a jury right on this -- on the aggravating
- 13 factors? And as this Court has said time and time again,
- 14 no, starting with Proffitt v. Florida all the way through
- 15 Walton. Poland v. Arizona is a great example where --
- 16 QUESTION: But -- but your -- your principle, in
- fact, is broader than that because, as I understand it,
- 18 your principle is that what we have traditionally referred
- 19 to as sentencing factors -- maybe change that to a neutral
- 20 term, facts that bear solely on sentencing -- they can be
- 21 excluded from the -- the jury finding quarantee.
- 22 MS. NAPOLITANO: Yes. In the unique context of
- 23 the death penalty and then it remains for this Court to
- 24 decide whether you want to broaden it. But the rule
- 25 proposed by the petitioner here would be equally broad

- 1 taken out of the death penalty context because you could
- 2 have no fact that enhanced a sentence that didn't first
- 3 have to be found by a jury.
- 4 And in response to a question that was posed
- 5 earlier, that would throw into question the Federal
- 6 Sentencing Guidelines and their structure and -- any many
- 7 State sentencing structures where, once you are convicted
- 8 of a particular offense, the State law requires the judge
- 9 to give you a presumptive sentence unless he finds
- 10 additional facts, in which case he can depart upwards.
- 11 It's not just the Federal Sentencing Guidelines that use
- 12 that structure. Many States use that structure. So, if
- 13 you are to hold that an aggravating factor even in a death
- penalty case has to go to the jury, it is hard to imagine
- 15 why that wouldn't extend throughout the sentencing systems
- 16 of the States.
- 17 QUESTION: General Napolitano, how many death
- 18 sentence case are there presently in Arizona that would be
- 19 affected by a reversal here?
- 20 MS. NAPOLITANO: We've had 89 death sentences
- 21 imposed since Walton, and approximately 30 are in some
- 22 type of direct review. So, it's a substantial number, and
- 23 that's just in -- in Arizona.
- 24 QUESTION: Maybe Apprendi throws into play some
- 25 of those earlier cases, even if you don't agree with

- 1 Apprendi or feel it's quite limited.
- What about the other cases I mentioned where
- 3 Powell and -- and Stewart -- Stevens all thought that a
- 4 jury should make this determination as part of the Eighth
- 5 Amendment jurisprudence because it's very important that
- 6 the death penalty be applied only where opinion in that
- 7 community believes that it is consistent with the cruel
- 8 and unusual punishment prohibition?
- 9 MS. NAPOLITANO: Two responses to that, Your
- 10 Honor. One is this Court itself in a later case mentioned
- 11 that they thought judicial sentencing may, in fact, be a
- 12 better way to guarantee against the arbitrary imposition
- of the death penalty.
- 14 QUESTION: The statistics seem to suggest that
- it is absolutely no reason to think that.
- 16 MS. NAPOLITANO: The statistics seem to suggest
- that there is absolutely no reason to think that jury
- 18 sentencing is any different, that they're a wash. But
- 19 there hasn't been a lot of literature on this subject.
- 20 And --
- QUESTION: Well, yes, but there has -- there was
- 22 a long -- you know, Potter Stewart went into all of this.
- MS. NAPOLITANO: Yes.
- QUESTION: Go ahead. I don't want to interrupt
- 25 you. I'm sorry.

- 1 MS. NAPOLITANO: But --
- QUESTION: I want to hear your answer. Now,
- 3 please go ahead.
- 4 MS. NAPOLITANO: Well, the jury is involved in
- 5 this case. The jury is a protector in this case. This
- 6 was an indicted case, indicted for first degree murder.
- 7 That went to the grand jury. It was then presented to the
- 8 petit jury. They made the determination about the felony
- 9 murder. They weighed the evidence. They knew or were on
- 10 notice that this was a death case. The jury right was
- 11 embraced here, just as it was pre Furman. The only
- 12 difference is the post-Furman addition of the sentencing
- 13 factors.
- 14 OUESTION: No. The difference is that the
- individual juror does not have to take the individual
- 16 responsibility of saying I as a human being have decided
- that this person should be sentenced to death. Now,
- 18 that's quite a difference.
- 19 MS. NAPOLITANO: Your Honor, even under
- 20 petitioner's argument, an addition -- and a -- and a juror
- 21 may not have to make that decision because even
- 22 petitioner's argument says, we just want them to find a
- 23 fact.
- 24 QUESTION: That's true.
- 25 MS. NAPOLITANO: We still say it's okay for the

- 1 judge --
- 2 QUESTION: I -- I grant you that. That's why --
- MS. NAPOLITANO: So, go ahead and do the
- 4 weighing and so forth.
- 5 QUESTION: I -- I -- you're quite right on that.
- 6 That's why I want to see what the answer to the full
- 7 argument is on your part.
- MS. NAPOLITANO: Well, the answer is that the
- 9 jury here is embraced and is performing the function of
- 10 juries that has come down from colonial times or pre-
- 11 colonial times. There's nothing different. The jury has
- to find intent to kill. The jury has to find a death.
- 13 The jury has to find causation. The instructions are the
- 14 same to the jury.
- 15 QUESTION: But it could make all those findings
- and it would not authorize the death penalty.
- MS. NAPOLITANO: Excuse me?
- 18 QUESTION: It could make all those findings that
- 19 you just recited, and yet the law of Arizona would not
- 20 permit the imposition of the death penalty.
- 21 MS. NAPOLITANO: The jury verdict at that case,
- 22 under that part of our statute, would say that the maximum
- 23 death penalty is death. But you're right, Justice. It
- 24 can't be enforced until the judge conducts the second
- 25 sentencing hearing.

- 1 QUESTION: Unless the judge makes an additional
- 2 finding of fact.
- MS. NAPOLITANO: He must find an aggravating
- 4 fact and then he can find -- weigh those against the
- 5 mitigators and make the determination as to whether death
- is the appropriate punishment.
- 7 But again, this is part of the process this
- 8 Court has dictated to the States to determine which of the
- 9 worst murders deserve the worst penalty.
- 10 QUESTION: General Napolitano, the -- the
- 11 expanded argument that Justice Breyer is -- is suggesting,
- 12 which -- which isn't urged by Mr. Hurwitz, is really an
- 13 Eighth Amendment argument rather than a Sixth Amendment
- 14 argument, isn't it? That is, the fact that the jury
- should also be required to do the weighing and to make the
- 16 final determination that this person deserves the death
- 17 penalty. That's not a Sixth Amendment argument; it's an
- 18 Eighth Amendment.
- 19 MS. NAPOLITANO: I think it could be construed
- 20 as an Eighth Amendment argument, yes, Your Honor.
- 21 And -- and as I said at the beginning of my
- 22 argument, this whole situation, this whole statute derives
- 23 from Furman and from the Eighth Amendment. It does not
- 24 implicate the Sixth Amendment or the concerns that were
- 25 expressed in Apprendi.

- And let me, if I might, go to the stare decisis
- 2 part of my argument, because it's not just the cases you
- 3 listed, Your Honor, that I think would be implicitly
- 4 overruled, but let me give you a list: Proffitt v.
- 5 Florida, Spaziano, Cabana v. Bullock, which does allow
- 6 the --
- 7 QUESTION: But do you think it's perfectly clear
- 8 -- you cite a couple of Florida cases -- that if the
- 9 Florida advisory jury made the findings of fact that would
- 10 be -- make them -- the defendant eligible for the death
- 11 penalty, that that case would be covered by the decision
- 12 in this case?
- MS. NAPOLITANO: Yes, and I think it's important
- to understand how the Florida system works under Florida
- 15 law. What happens is after conviction, the jury hears a
- 16 separate sentencing proceeding.
- 17 QUESTION: Correct.
- MS. NAPOLITANO: And it comes out with really a
- 19 unitary form, and all that form says is life or death. It
- 20 does not specify which aggravating facts the jury may have
- found or which mitigating facts the jury may have found.
- 22 And then the trial judge takes that form --
- 23 QUESTION: But supposing it did just to -- just
- 24 to go with me on the -- on the hypo.
- MS. NAPOLITANO: Okay.

- 1 QUESTION: Supposing, as a part of the
- 2 procedure, the judge did require the jury to accompany its
- 3 recommendation with a finding of fact as to the
- 4 aggravating circumstance. Would that then be covered by
- 5 this case?
- 6 MS. NAPOLITANO: I think it would, Your Honor,
- 7 because you're still allowing the judge to make the final
- 8 determination. And if the judge is able to disagree on
- 9 the facts --
- 10 QUESTION: But that's the Eighth Amendment
- 11 issue. The judge is making the final determination but
- not necessarily -- but it would be supported by a jury
- 13 finding that was sufficient to authorize the death
- 14 penalty.
- MS. NAPOLITANO: In this case, the jury finding
- 16 of first degree felony murder authorized the death
- 17 penalty. The question was, could it be imposed and what
- is the -- what is the way to do --
- 19 OUESTION: It doesn't authorize it without an
- 20 additional finding by the judge.
- 21 MS. NAPOLITANO: It authorizes the judge to go
- forward and conduct a separate sentencing hearing.
- QUESTION: In some -- in some States, it's my
- 24 understanding that the jury simply makes a finding that
- 25 the aggravating circumstances outweigh the mitigating

- 1 circumstances without specifying either. Now, would that
- be affected, at least by Justice Breyer's argument?
- 3 MS. NAPOLITANO: I think it -- it could
- 4 conceivably. I mean, I -- you know, what we're dealing
- 5 with here is a very difficult --
- 6 QUESTION: But -- but isn't it clear that the
- 7 aggravating circumstances could not outweigh the
- 8 mitigating circumstances unless there were a finding of at
- 9 least one aggravating circumstance?
- MS. NAPOLITANO: Yes.
- 11 QUESTION: Which in turn --
- MS. NAPOLITANO: But you could have --
- 13 QUESTION: -- would make him eligible for the
- 14 death penalty.
- 15 MS. NAPOLITANO: I -- yes, Your Honor, but you
- 16 could have the situation such as a State like Florida
- where the judge doesn't know what aggravating circumstance
- 18 was found, and you're still --
- 19 QUESTION: Well, he doesn't know which is found,
- 20 but he knows that one is found. It seems to me if you say
- 21 that's not enough, then you are making the Stewart Eighth
- 22 Amendment argument, aren't you?
- 23 MS. NAPOLITANO: Yes. And -- and the -- the
- 24 problem there is if the Eighth -- if an aggravating
- 25 circumstance is found by a jury and the judge doesn't know

- 1 what it is, and the judge still has to go through all of
- 2 the evidence and do the weighing as to what weight that
- 3 aggravating circumstance should find versus the
- 4 mitigating, the basic -- one basic question is, well, what
- is the function of the jury there anyway? What is the
- 6 protection the Sixth Amendment is providing to a defendant
- 7 there?
- 8 And I would suggest that a defendant such as
- 9 Ring and such as a defendant in Florida has already
- 10 received all the protections that the Sixth Amendment
- 11 entitles him or her to. And all that is going on here is
- 12 a narrowing process where the judge's discretion is
- 13 actually being narrowed in sentencing, not broadened. In
- 14 Apprendi, you could actually say the discretion was being
- broadened, the same as in Jones, but it is being narrowed.
- 16 QUESTION: Yes, but it's narrowed to the extent
- 17 that he now knows he must make an additional -- one single
- 18 additional finding of fact in order to put this man to
- 19 death, which is -- the jury has not made that finding of
- 20 fact.
- MS. NAPOLITANO: Well, yes, Your Honor, at a --
- 22 at a statutory level in Arizona that is absolutely true.
- 23 QUESTION: That's what your Supreme Court says
- is the case here.
- MS. NAPOLITANO: Yes.

- 1 Now, in -- in the Ring case, there -- there is
- the issue of the fact that he was convicted of armed
- 3 robbery and conspiracy to commit armed robbery.
- 4 QUESTION: May I ask if you disagree with your
- 5 opponent's analysis of the pecuniary circumstance issue?
- 6 He says that there's a difference between armed robbery on
- 7 the one hand which is for a pecuniary purpose and the
- 8 pecuniary motivation in a death case, and that has to be
- 9 the motivation for the killing itself, is that the robbery
- 10 -- robbery alone would not satisfy that. Do you disagree
- 11 with that?
- 12 MS. NAPOLITANO: Yes, Your Honor. And I would
- 13 cite the -- this Court to State v. Gretzler which is cited
- in our brief.
- 15 But on the record before this Court and on
- 16 the --
- 17 OUESTION: You'd cite State v. Gretzler to the
- 18 Court.
- 19 MS. NAPOLITANO: Yes. It's in our brief, Your
- 20 Honor. It's an Arizona Supreme Court case.
- 21 But I would also add that in this case, based on
- 22 the trial transcript and the sentencing hearing
- 23 transcript, which are part of the joint appendix before
- 24 the Court, it's very clear that the reason Mr. Magoch was
- 25 killed was because he unfortunately was the driver of an

- 1 armored car that Mr. Ring decided to rob.
- 2 QUESTION: I -- I agree when you say sentencing
- 3 transcript, but what about just the quilt phase
- 4 transcript? Would you make the same -- the same --
- 5 MS. NAPOLITANO: Yes, I would, Your Honor
- 6 QUESTION: -- draw the same conclusion?
- 7 MS. NAPOLITANO: Yes, Your Honor, and -- and I
- 8 think that's why the jury convicted him of armed robbery
- 9 and conspiracy to commit armed robbery and rendered a
- 10 unanimous verdict on the felony murder portion even though
- they didn't render a unanimous verdict on the
- 12 premeditated --
- 13 QUESTION: General Napolitano, will you correct
- me if I'm wrong about this, but I thought that the proof
- at the trial itself didn't even place the defendant at the
- 16 scene of the crime. Certainly he was involved in planning
- 17 it. They -- but they didn't even place him at the scene
- of the crime at the trial. That didn't come up until
- 19 sentencing when the co-defendant testified. So, how could
- 20 the jury have made the finding that he killed for
- 21 pecuniary gain when he wasn't even at the scene?
- 22 MS. NAPOLITANO: Your Honor, it goes to the fact
- 23 that he was at a minimum a major -- major conspirator in a
- 24 conspiracy that resulted in the death of an armored car
- 25 driver. The purpose of the conspiracy was to rob the

- 1 armored car. The jury, by finding the armored car
- 2 robbery, the -- the membership in the conspiracy, and then
- 3 the sentencing court and then later the Arizona Supreme
- 4 Court making the Enmund/Tison finding impliedly, if not
- 5 explicitly, proved the pecuniary gain issue.
- But if there's any question for this Court on
- 7 that point, and should you be inclined to overrule Walton,
- 8 which you should not, that's a matter that always could be
- 9 remanded back to the State Supreme Court for further
- 10 explanation.
- 11 QUESTION: Would you tell me how one would
- 12 explain to a citizen that you can't get 5 years added on
- to your sentence unless the jury makes the critical
- 14 finding, but you can be put to death with the judge making
- 15 the critical finding?
- MS. NAPOLITANO: Because, Your Honor, the -- the
- difference is what is the source of the punishment. Where
- does it come from? What is the source of the sentencing
- 19 at issue? And in the prior situation, in a -- in a non-
- 20 death penalty case, what the Court has been doing and what
- 21 Apprendi does is expand the range of the jury trial. But
- 22 what the Court has not done is expand the Eighth Amendment
- 23 protections that it -- that it incorporated onto the
- 24 original elements of first degree murder for death penalty
- 25 cases and say not only are these Eighth Amendment issues,

- 1 now we're going to even transfer it further and make them
- 2 Sixth Amendment issues. And -- and the implications are
- 3 large.
- 4 QUESTION: It seems to me that you're making a
- 5 novel application of the principle we've repeated several
- 6 times, that death is different.
- 7 MS. NAPOLITANO: Death is different.
- 8 QUESTION: Yes.
- 9 MS. NAPOLITANO: I mean, there's no doubt about
- 10 it, Your Honor. And -- and your jurisprudence has said
- 11 that. But, you know, you don't have this kind of
- 12 elaborate sentencing procedure in a non-death case either.
- 13 I mean, this is all driven by -- by Furman and all of
- 14 Furman's progeny to make sure that we are getting the
- 15 right defendants and imposing the right penalty on those
- 16 defendants. And that's an Eighth Amendment issue and has
- 17 not been, by this Court, expanded to the Sixth Amendment.
- 18 And -- and again, if this Court were to overrule
- 19 Walton and reopen all of the cases in Arizona, at least
- that are on direct review and in the other States, it's
- 21 hard to imagine how you then would not also have to
- 22 overrule Clemons, Hildwin, Poland, all the cases we've
- 23 cited to the Court before, because they all recognize and
- 24 state that these cases are different and that there is a
- separate rule for the judge in these kinds of cases.

1 QUESTION: The -- the difference obviously is 2 that, of course, it's different. It's worse, not better. So, the obvious argument is that if you're going to insist 3 4 that a jury find a fact that could enhance a sentence from 10 years to 15, surely a jury, when you're under the 5 Eighth Amendment or the Sixth Amendment, should find the 6 fact that could enhance the sentence from life in prison to death. I mean, I think that's what it's --8 9 MS. NAPOLITANO: Well, I think that's --10 QUESTION: -- is the underlying point here. MS. NAPOLITANO: I think that's petitioner's 11 basic argument, and -- and our response is it's more 12 complicated than that. That doesn't really answer the 13 question because in the death penalty world, the case law 14 is different, the tradition is different. This is all a 15 creation of Supreme Court precedent, really not of the 16 common law as it came down through colonial times. And 17 what is going on here are additional protections for a 18 defendant, not fewer protections for a defendant. 19 20 And remember, in this case, you know, if you 21 just took the -- the literal language of Apprendi and -and didn't go beneath it, and you took the literal 22 23 language of the Arizona first degree murder statute, the maximum penalty under the statute is death, and the judge 24 is simply making a choice between life or death. 25

- 1 jury's verdict authorizes the judge to go forward and
- 2 enter into that sentencing proceeding. And that is a
- 3 procedure that this Court has embraced, upheld, and
- 4 specifically said does not violate the Sixth Amendment.
- 5 QUESTION: Would you comment on your opponent's
- 6 suggestion that that would apply to other statutes like
- 7 the drug statute? The maximum penalty under the same
- 8 statute is life in prison and so forth, but nevertheless,
- 9 Apprendi applies. Or Apprendi itself -- supposing the two
- 10 -- instead of two statutes, there had been one. Would
- 11 that have made a difference?
- 12 MS. NAPOLITANO: You know, in the statutory
- analysis that Apprendi suggests, part of that analysis is
- 14 you have to look at each statute and how it was
- 15 constructed and so forth. I don't know whether
- 16 automatically it would apply because, again, as I've made
- 17 the argument today, the Eighth Amendment death penalty
- 18 cases just are different.
- 19 But, again, if you overrule Walton, it -- it is
- 20 hard to imagine how any judge would have the authority
- 21 under the Sixth Amendment to find any kind of fact that
- 22 would be used to enhance a sentence. And if that's what
- 23 Apprendi is supposed to mean, that's a very, very broad
- 24 ruling.
- 25 QUESTION: To -- to enhance a sentence beyond

- that which was otherwise authorized by law by the jury's
- 2 verdict.
- 3 MS. NAPOLITANO: Well, or enhance a sentence
- 4 beyond the presumptive sentence, because what's the
- 5 difference between a sentence authorized and a presumptive
- 6 sentence set forth in either guidelines or in legislation?
- 7 We're cutting very fine hairs here.
- And I think the ultimate question is, what is
- 9 the role of a jury? Was that jury's role embraced by
- 10 Arizona? Yes. Did the role of the jury in this case
- 11 change at any time from what it was pre-Furman to post-
- 12 Furman? No. Did the jury in this case know it was a
- 13 death case? Yes. Did the defendant know it was a death
- 14 case? Yes. Everyone knew it was a death case. There's
- 15 no surprise. There's no adding on at the end, oh, by the
- 16 way, we're going to ask for an additional 10- to 20-year
- 17 enhancement like they did in Apprendi or an additional 10-
- 18 year enhancement as in Jones. None of that happened.
- 19 This was a death case from the beginning and it should be
- 20 a death case now.
- 21 Thank you, Your Honors.
- 22 QUESTION: Thank you, General Napolitano.
- Mr. Hurwitz, you have 4 minutes remaining.
- 24 REBUTTAL ARGUMENT OF ANDREW D. HURWITZ
- 25 ON BEHALF OF THE PETITIONER

- 1 QUESTION: Mr. Hurwitz, would you address the 2 question that General Napolitano made about this is an
- 3 Eighth Amendment requirement, not a Sixth Amendment
- 4 requirement, and that's a huge difference?
- 5 MR. HURWITZ: I -- I will, Justice Ginsburg. It
- 6 seems to me that the State's position is that when a fact
- 7 is required by State law at the policy whim of legislators
- 8 in order to impose the maximum punishment allowed by law,
- 9 that fact gets Sixth Amendment protection. But when a
- 10 fact is required by the Constitution or by decisions of
- 11 this Court, that it somehow obtains less Sixth Amendment
- 12 protection. I would suggest there is no basis in the
- 13 jurisprudence of this Court for that kind of conclusion.
- 14 What the Attorney General seems to be saying to
- 15 you today are two things. First, the State doesn't like
- 16 Apprendi. Hence, the distinction between facts that we
- 17 added in order to impose sentences and facts that were
- 18 elements of the crime. But I suggest that problem was
- 19 solved in Apprendi.
- The separate question is whether or not, as
- Justice Stevens put it, death is so different as to
- 22 require a different rule than in Apprendi. And I would
- 23 suggest that the purpose of the Sixth Amendment here, the
- 24 protection of the right to jury trial, applies with no
- 25 less force under a circumstance where the enhanced

- 1 sentence may be from life to death than under a
- 2 circumstance where the enhanced sentence may be from 10
- 3 years to 12 years.
- 4 It may well be true that this Court's Eighth
- 5 Amendment jurisprudence is unique, but in the context of
- 6 the Sixth Amendment, in the context of the facts necessary
- 7 and specified by State law, in order to allow the maximum
- 8 punishment allowed by law, there should not be an Eighth
- 9 Amendment exception.
- The State has chosen to make specific facts
- 11 necessary for the imposition of the ultimate sentence, and
- when the State chooses to do so, whether it chooses to do
- so because it merely thinks it's a good idea or it chooses
- 14 to do so because the Constitution of the United States
- 15 requires it to do so, the same Sixth Amendment principle
- 16 ought to obtain. And that Sixth Amendment principle is
- that you're entitled to have the jury find those facts.
- 18 With respect to the question Justice Breyer
- 19 asked -- and I think as clarified, it's important to note,
- the second issue is really an Eighth Amendment issue, and
- 21 that Eighth Amendment issue is not one that we -- that we
- 22 urge in this case. But even if you don't urge that Eighth
- 23 Amendment issue, the underlying Sixth Amendment issue
- 24 strikes us as precisely the same. And therefore, you may
- 25 have a system under which a judge can do this ultimate

- 1 weighing, this ultimate discretionary decision at the
- 2 second level of whether this is a particular penalty
- 3 that's appropriate for this defendant. But the State's
- 4 narrowing, the State's choosing of factors and putting
- 5 them in its law and saying to the defendant, this is a
- fact that must be found before you can receive this
- 7 maximum sentence, is a Sixth Amendment point.
- 8 One final point. With respect to notice, this
- 9 is plainly not a notice case. I don't believe Apprendi
- 10 would have come out a single bit differently if, before
- 11 his trial, Mr. Apprendi was told you're going to be tried
- on the firearms charge and at the end of the charge, the
- judge is going to determine whether there's racial
- 14 motivation and he's going to give you an additional
- 15 sentence. Apprendi was not about notice. This case is
- 16 not about notice.
- This case is, however about that central Sixth
- 18 Amendment point, and I would suggest to the Court that try
- 19 as you might, unless you simply say in the end we're going
- 20 to have a different rule for capital punishment, you can't
- 21 distinguish the issues in this case and the underlying
- 22 Sixth Amendment principle from the principles in Apprendi.
- 23 And for that reason, we suggest that this case is
- 24 controlled by Apprendi and that the sentence of death
- 25 imposed on this petitioner was inappropriate under the

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1. Request for Information (RFI)

This request for information is intended to seek industry and other interested parties' input into a number of questions relative to the design, build and operation of an Authentication Gateway described in Section 5. The release of this RFI is part of an industry communications strategy that is designed to seek input from a number of venues that have included Technology Day on June 7, 2002, and Industry Day held on June 18, 2002.

This RFI is requesting comments and information on specific questions that relate to acquisition, funding, government/industry partnerships, broad technical considerations, future vision/direction, credential evaluation and mapping, administration and management, record retention and privacy.

2. Goal of the RFI

The goal of this RFI is to continue the Federal government dialogue with industry and other communities of interest, and to ensure to the maximum extent possible that industry input and comments and other information are given proper and due consideration in development of the Authentication Gateway. The information received in response to this RFI may be considered in the development of any subsequent statement of work, may serve as input to policy considerations, and is intended to obtain a "sense of the industry". The information received will be considered and may be factored into future decisions. When the responses to the RFI are received they will be evaluated and analyzed. A report will be prepared that will detail the results of the RFI. Proprietary information submitted as part of responses to the RFI should be clearly identified and will not be disclosed.

3. Scope

This RFI presents and requests information on concepts and approaches that the government is contemplating for government-wide authentication services. This RFI is focused on three areas: technology, acquisition and policy/administration. These three areas will affect the design, build and operation of the Gateway. The government needs to exercise due diligence in its consideration of issues that may arise in any one of the three areas.

This RFI contains the following subsections:

- Descriptions of the E-Authentication Gateway Privacy, Policies and Technology
 - Privacy Framework Needs
 - Diagram Descriptions
- Directed Topics for Responses
 - Acquisition
 - Government/Industry Relationships
 - Technical
 - Credential Evaluation and "Mapping"
 - Compliance with Government Mandates for Protection of Privacy Information
 - Digital Credential Providers (DCP)
 - Anonymous Access
 - Session Management

PCI Gateway

4. Responses to RFI are due on August 8, 2002.

This RFI is for planning purposes only and shall not be construed as a request for proposal (RFP) or as an obligation on the part of the Government to acquire any products or services. The Government does not intend to award a contract on the basis of this RFI or otherwise pay for the information solicited. No entitlement to payment of direct or indirect costs or charges by the Government will arise as a result of submission of responses to this RFI and the Government's use of such information.

Responses to this RFI must be divided into nine sections. The nine sections must correspond to the Directed Topics for Responses in Section 6 of this RFI. Please limit your response to 50 pages. Additional materials may be placed in an appendix (marketing, technical literature, etc.) Respondents to this RFI may be requested to provide additional information/details based on their initial submittals. Unnecessarily elaborate responses containing extensive marketing materials are not desired.

All information contained in this RFI is preliminary and subject to modification and is in no way binding on the government. The Government prefers that no proprietary or confidential business data be submitted in response to this RFI. However, responses to this RFI that indicate that the information therein is proprietary or represents confidential business information will be received and held in confidence for U.S. Government use only. However, GSA's intent is to develop a subsequent statement of work from the aggregate of the information provided from industry as a whole.

Send questions/concerns regarding this RFI via e-mail to thomas.crowder@gsa.gov with a copy to reva.hutchinson@gsa.gov. Responses to this RFI are to be submitted and addressed to Thomas Crowder, with a copy to Reva Hutchinson, at the above referenced e-mail address, no later than August 8, 2002. Responses should include the name, telephone number and e-mail address of a point of contact having authority and knowledge to discuss responses with government representatives. All correspondence concerning this RFI should refer to GSA RFI No. T02-ALD-001.

5. Descriptions of E-Authentication Privacy, Policies and Technology

5.1 Privacy Framework Needs

5.1.1 Background

Public trust in the security of the information exchanged over the Internet will play a vital role in an electronic government transformation. The government must address the issues of user authentication, confidentiality and integrity of data transferred, and the ability to hold transacting parties accountable when necessary. Thus, solutions that provide this type of protection are critical components of an organization's cyber security profile.

The current administration, recognizing the need for identity authentication to implement an E-Government, initiated the E-Authentication Initiative. Common authentication services for use across government agencies will reduce the burden on the public and better leverage the government's investments.

5.1.2 Purpose

This section of the RFI presents key concepts, policy and design issues and needs associated with the deployment of a Federal E-Authentication Gateway. It contains an overview of the authentication infrastructure that is critical to achieve the President's Management Agenda for E-Government (Figure 5.1.2). It also presents the proposed operational concept of the Gateway and its core requirements. This RFI is intended as input and support in assisting the Federal government in establishing a design that fits within the Federal enterprise architecture framework, as it conducts testing, and evaluation for ongoing E-Government authentication and identity management needs.

5.1.3 Overview of the Authentication Gateway

Expanding E-Government to enhance citizencentric government services is a key initiative of the President's domestic management agenda. To advance this agenda, the Administration established the E-Gov Task Force in July 2001 under the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The Task Force identified the key E-Government initiatives across the Federal

President's Management Agenda

- 1st Priority: Make Government citizen-centered.
- · 5 Key Government-wide Initiatives:
- · Strategic Management of Human Capital
- · Competitive Sourcing
- · Improved Financial performance
- · Expanded Electronic Government
- · Budget and Performance Integration

Figure 5.1.2

Government best positioned to support the management agenda. In November 2001, the President's Management Council approved 24 initiatives. These 24 initiatives (Figure 5.1.3) defined government services and business transactions within four segments: citizen, business, government, and internal operations. All of the initiatives represent cross-agency efforts and are targeted for implementation within 18 – 24 months. In addition, all require some degree of authentication to support some or all of the business services and transactions. It is recognized that the four segments have different characteristics, and thus different authentication requirements.

To support the needs of all of the initiatives, the E-Authentication Integrated Project Team, managed by the General Services Administration was directed to provide common authentication services and infrastructure, and enterprise architecture support. To accomplish this, the E-Authentication Team plans to build and operate a web-based E-Authentication Gateway.

The Gateway will provide common authentication services and single sign-on capability for all E-Government services. The objective is to provide a set of common, shared services that all Federal agencies can use for authenticating the public as well as Federal users.

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Figure 5.1.3

The E-Authentication Team is committed to implementing prototype Gateway authentication services beginning October 2002 with production authentication Gateway services targeted for September 2003. The production Gateway will be scaled to support all 24 initiatives as well as other E-Gov business needs for authentication across agencies.

5.1.4. Gateway Purpose and Scope

5.1.4.1 Purpose

To provide common authentication services in support of Federal E-Government programs. The Gateway will provide single sign-on capability so that users of E-Government services do not have to sign-on separately for each agency application being accessed.

5.1.4.2 Scope

Initially the E-Authentication Gateway will be scaled as a prototype service. Agencies with applications approved by the Presidents Management Council as part of the Administration's E-Gov strategy (see Figure 5.1.3) and, potentially, other agency E-Gov applications that are ready, may be authorized to use the Gateway. Ultimately, all Federal agencies with E-Government processes requiring authentication will be able to use the Gateway.

5.1.4.3 Types of Authentication Accepted

The Gateway will be technology agnostic, in other words, it will accept multiple forms of authentication and differing credentials. This may require that the Gateway support multiple validation protocols to ensure the current validity and authenticity of credentials. It may also require the establishment of an organizational entity and process to determine the acceptability and trust of different forms of credentials. Currently, the Federal government supports such an accrediting entity only for digital credentials issued using Public Key encryption technology (i.e., the Federal PKI Policy Authority)¹.

5.1.4.4 Users

The user population for the 24 E-Gov initiatives is very broad. Initially, the number of users and applications may be limited, at least until the full scalability of the Gateway is assured, but the ultimate scope of users will include all citizens, businesses and government agencies in the U.S. Use of the Gateway will be voluntary for the public.

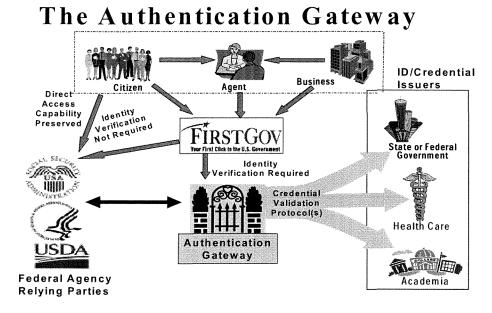
5.1.4.5 Authorized Uses

Initially, the only authorized uses of the Gateway will be to support the 24 Federal E-Gov initiatives and, potentially, other key E-Gov initiatives that are

¹ The United Kingdom helped establish TScheme to operate in this capacity.

ready for such authentication services. Ultimately any Federal agency with E-Gov services requiring authentication will be able to use the Gateway. The Gateway is not contemplated for authentication services outside of the Federal government. Use of the Gateway will be voluntary to Federal agencies.

Figure 5.1.5



5.1.5 Gateway Core Functionality

The high-level schematic above (Figure 5.1.5) presents the general context of the Gateway. The Gateway will be Internet-based and linked directly to FirstGov, the webbased portal to the Federal government. As indicated by the schematic, the Gateway will be accessed through the FirstGov portal and through direct links with agency applications requiring authentication.

Following are core principles for the Gateway:

- Each level of information assurance has specific identity authentication requirements and may use a different authentication solution to determine trust
- If an individual requires a higher information assurance level to transact business, they will be able to upgrade to the next assurance level, provided that they meet the requirements for the higher level
- An identity assurance that allows access at a higher assurance level will be accepted by processes requiring lower assurance levels

The E-Authentication Team is currently developing requirements. The business model for using the Gateway has not yet been established. However, it is expected that agencies will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with GSA in order to clarify roles and responsibilities and to authorize agency use of the Gateway, similar to relying party agreements that agencies have executed for ACES.

5.1.5.1 Enrollment

- Agencies with applications requiring authentication will enroll in the Gateway by executing a MOU with GSA
- The enrolling agency will specify the level of authentication required for each application through the MOU
- It is anticipated that GSA will maintain an authorization control system on behalf of the agency applications. The authorization control would ensure that authentication requirements meet the assurance levels specified for each Agency application. This system will be a logical, rules-based system for all applications supported by the Gateway

5.1.5.2 Validation of Credentials

- The Gateway will validate the authenticity of credentials. The Gateway may need to support multiple protocols for such validation. Standard processes and protocols for the validation of public key certificates are in place today. This public key validation function is performed by cross certifying through the Federal Bridge Certification Authority. The Federal government may find it necessary to establish standard processes and protocols for validating other forms of identity credentials
- The Validation process will include querying the credential-issuing entities concerning the authenticity of the credential. This may require agreements between the Gateway operating authority and the credential issuers

5.1.5.3 Agency Application Interface

- The Gateway will support a uniform interface(s) with agency applications
- The gateway will support a defined protocol(s) for interfacing with agency applications. The protocol will include presenting the information concerning the authenticated user in a standard way for the agency applications to accept that information

5.1.5.4 Legal and Policy Structures

GSA is authorized to provide goods and services to the entire Federal government. Such services include information technologies and security services. The GSA has statutory authority to provide IT and E-Gov services, such as those contemplated for the E-Authentication initiative, to the Federal government. Similarly, GSA established the Access Certificates for Electronic Services program (ACES) for PKI services and Common Access Card program for smart card services, under this statutory authority. These service offerings are available through government-wide contract awards. These contracts provide for the issuance of identity credentials to Federal employees and to the public. GSA

established the legal structure for these services through legally binding contracts with third-party service providers. In addition, other agencies with more limited authorities have potentially suitable services for segments of users, which will be leveraged, to the extent possible. GSA intends to provide Gateway services with one or more third-party service providers.

The protection of privacy and private information is a primary policy objective for the Gateway and E-Authentication services. It is not contemplated that the E-Authentication Gateway would collect or maintain personal information. The Federal government will ensure that the Gateway and the E-Authentication services are used only for their intended purposes as described above. The Gateway and other E-Gov services and infrastructure will comply with and support the Office of Management and Budget Federal information privacy standards, requirements and guidelines for E-Government.

5.1.6 Next Steps

The E-Authentication Team will proceed with building the policy and privacy framework (e.g., policies, practices, reviews, communications) for the Authentication Gateway that will lead to public confidence and trust in using Federal E-Gov services. Several key steps will be taken:

- Conduct risk assessments for all 24 E-Government initiatives to determine the appropriate levels of assurance and map to known classes of credentials
- Map business processes and technical solutions to the data security, privacy, and protection requirements of the system of records and Gateway operations
- Design, test and, beginning in September 2002, deploy the Gateway prototype
- Conduct a full and open competition for the acquisition of a fully functional Gateway, whose requirements will be based on the lessons learned from the prototype deployment
- Evaluate and test the Production Gateway for large-scale deployment and rollout in September 2003
- Determine the need for and develop, as appropriate, branding and marketing for the Authentication Gateway and/or the Presidents Management Council E-Government strategy in order to further build trust and protect the government's E-Gov services

5.1.7 Privacy Requirements

Information to be maintained by the Gateway will include personally identifiable information. The Privacy Act of 1974 5 U.S.C. 552a As Amended requires Federal Agencies to protect personally identifiable information. It states specifically:

• Each agency that maintains a system of records shall:

- Maintain in its records only such information about an individual as is relevant and necessary to accomplish a purpose of the agency required to be accomplished by statute or by executive order of the President
- Collect information to the greatest extent practicable directly from the subject individual when the information may result in adverse determinations about an individuals rights, benefits, and privileges under Federal programs
- Maintain all records which are used by the agency in making any determination about any individual with such accuracy, relevance, timeliness, and completeness as is reasonably necessary to assure fairness to the individual in the determination
- Establish appropriate administrative, technical and physical safeguards to insure the security and confidentiality of records and to protect against any anticipated threats or hazards to their security or integrity which could result in substantial harm, embarrassment, inconvenience, or unfairness to any individual on whom information is maintained
- To properly protect citizen data, several issues must be addressed with respect to privacy:
 - The use of information must be controlled
 - Information may be used only for a necessary and lawful purpose
 - Individuals must be informed in writing of the principal purpose and routine uses of the information being collected from them
 - Information collected for a particular purpose should not be used for another purpose without the data subject's consent unless such other uses are specifically authorized or mandated by law
 - Any information used must be sufficiently accurate, relevant, timely and complete to assure fair treatment of the individual

5.2 Diagram Descriptions

The following diagrams and related text identify notional concepts in the evolving E-Authentication process. The first is meant to show one possible interaction with a government agency. The second shows preliminary functional principles.

5.2.1 Illustrative Process Flow Concept

Figure 5.2.1, E-Authentication Process Flow Concept, depicts an overview of the E-Authentication gateway concept and how it may work, followed by a description of the steps represented. This is one possible configuration of an illustrative process flow. The government is interested in other possible process flows.

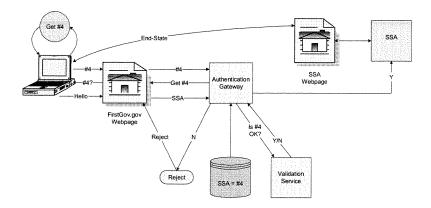


Figure 5.2.1: E-Authentication Process Flow Concept

The following interactions could take place in a typical E-Authentication session:

The scenario described below assumes the user initially discovers the desired E-Gov application via a portal, such as FirstGov.gov:

- A user comes to an official government web portal
- At the portal, the user selects an E-Gov application such as one from the Social Security Administration (SSA)
- Before the user begins interacting with the SSA application, the portal queries the E-Authentication gateway for SSA's authentication level requirements (e.g., must be level #4 in the example above). (The gateway retrieves the authentication level requirements from federated lists and databases and does not necessarily store the information locally.) Recommendations are needed on quality of service requirements what should be done if agency system cannot support
- The gateway conveys to the user the authentication level requirements and queries the user for a credential matching or exceeding the required level
- If the user does not have a digital credential of the appropriate level, the user may go to a third party (called a Digital Credential Provider [DCP]) to obtain the appropriate digital credential
- The user's digital credential is presented to the gateway
- The E-Authentication gateway validates the user's digital credential via a validation service (this step may be transparent)
- If the digital credential is valid, the gateway's response to this effect is conveyed to the SSA application and/or the user. If the credential is not valid, the user is informed that their digital credential has been rejected

5.2.2 Preliminary Functional Principles

Figure 5.2.2, *E-Authentication Gateway Scope*, shows the anticipated scope of the E-Authentication gateway and its interactions with credentials.

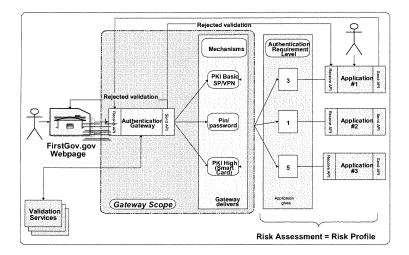


Figure 5.2.2: E-Authentication Gateway Scope

- The front-end interface of the E-Authentication gateway provides a uniform communication interface for the agency applications, portals, and users. The backend interface handles communications with validation responders and validation services. It is also expected that the gateway will be able to communicate via the many disparate communication protocols required by the commercial and legacy validation responders and services
- A user can access the agency application directly and the agency application has the
 option of validating the user's credentials or using the E-Authentication gateway to
 validate the credentials
- The scope of the gateway is specific to authentication only of user credentials on behalf of agency applications. Agency applications manage permissions and all access controls (authorization) for their systems
- Once the user has been authenticated by the E-Authentication gateway for access to one agency application, the user may or may not be required to re-authenticate at another agency application using the gateway, based upon policies relating to "session" management
- Digital credential levels and digital credential mechanisms are explicitly separated technologically. Digital credentials can come in various "levels". The concept of a "level" relates to the trustworthiness of a credential. It may be a cardinal value or an algorithmic score. Digital credential presentation mechanisms are anticipated to include PIN and passwords (including one-time passwords) and PKI-based (including X.509v3 certificates and smart cards)

- A user may have multiple digital credentials, at the same or different levels. If the
 user obtains higher level credentials, the lower level credentials are still useable
 where appropriate
- If a user has no digital credentials, the government will provide information on credential requirements and will maintain a list of digital credential providers (DCPs) that offer digital credentials of the appropriate or higher level
- Support for validation of credentials to support anonymous access to agency applications is also expected

5.2.3 Context Diagram

Figure 5.2.3, *Context Diagram*, is a pictorial representation of the sample component roles and how they interact with the E-Authentication gateway.

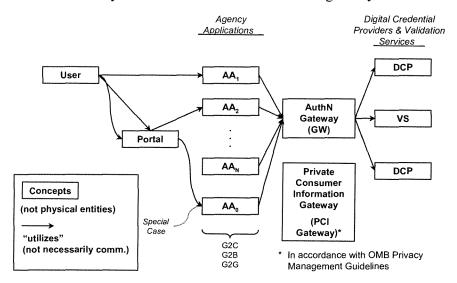


Figure 5.2.3: Context Diagram

- A user may access an agency application in the following three ways:
 - Directly
 - By visiting the portal and clicking on a link for the application (The portal may be a government portal or a private portal of a DCP)
 - Via the portal as a proxy to the application, i.e., all communications between the user and the agency application must flow through the portal
- Agency applications (AAs) may use the E-Authentication gateway to authenticate
 users who access the application directly, rather than through the portal. In that case,
 AA0 could be used to provide consistent interoperations among the component roles
- The Private Consumer Information (PCI) Gateway is a specific technical role defined
 to address the concept of sharing of information among the components, assuming
 appropriate user permissions, policies and procedures are in place. The PCI gateway
 supports the technical capability to transfer information collected and maintained by

others. Beyond that required for logging purposes, it is not anticipated that there will be private consumer information collected or maintained at or by the gateway

5.2.4 Components of the Gateway AuthN Services

Figure 5.2.4: Digital Credential Providers (DCP) and Validation Services (VS), depicts the components of the DCPs and their relationship to the E-Authentication gateway.

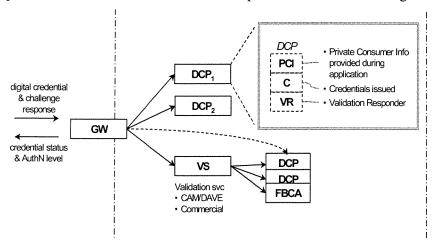


Figure 5.2.4: Digital Credential Providers (DCP) and Validation Services (VS)

• Figure 4 illustrates validation of services via direct access to the DCP and via validation services, where the validation service does not actually issue credentials.

5.2.5 Summary of Functional Principles

- Browser
 - Session management via non-persistent cookies if user permits
 - "No cookie" option must be supported
- Portal
 - Presents E-Gov services available to users
 - May request user credentials (via AA0)
 - May be session manager
 - Via "opt in" User may indicate location of preferences
- Agency Application
 - Accepts user requests for services
 - May request user credentials
 - May utilize GW to authenticate user credentials
 - May authenticate user credential
 - Maintains list/database of Authentication (AuthN) level requirements
 - Manages Authorization (AuthZ)
- Gateway
 - Requests validation of credentials from DCP
 - Returns GW response type [including authentication requirements level]

- May be session manager
- DCP
 - Issues and manages credentials
 - Responds to status/validation requests
 - Highly federated

6. Directed Topics for Responses

6.1 Acquisition

The government has at its disposal a number of contracting vehicles from which authentication gateway services may be obtained. These include the Federal Supply Service (FSS) multiple award schedules, numerous government-wide agency contracts, or the ability to create a new contract. The purpose of this section is to ascertain if industry has a preference for a particular contract vehicle type.

- Existing Contracts
 - Is your company a prime contractor on a Government-Wide Agency Contract (GWAC) as of this writing? If so, which one(s)?
 - Are you a subcontractor for a prime that is on a GWAC? If so, which GWAC and which prime?
- Multi-vendor contract award The government contemplates that the long-term objectives of the E-Authentication Gateway may be best served through a multiple award with common functional and contractual requirements. This configuration would require coordination and interoperability among multiple awardees in order to provide common, seamless service delivery and single sign-on capability. Input is requested on the viability of this approach and the technical and policy considerations that would be necessary for interoperable authentication services for user agency applications in a multiple award configuration

6.2 Government/Industry Relationships

The government is interested in determining if there are unique and innovative ways to build, fund, and administer the Gateway development and subsequent operation that would accomplish the government's business objectives, leverage investment and operational costs and responsibilities, and facilitate the long-term viability of the Gateway services.

- Commercial Value of Gateway Components The government anticipates that there will be several components of the Gateway that may have broad commercial appeal to industry and non-Federal governmental entities and other organizations/communities. These components include:
 - The Authentication Requirements Level (ARL) profile. The ARL profile will clearly define authentication levels relative to transaction types and the risks associated with them. It is envisioned that the ARL profile will provide for authentication services ranging from strong to less than strong. This Profile may be "branded" to allow for easy identification and association, and to permit marketing and brand development to develop public confidence and trust in the Profile

- Credential Evaluation and Mapping Scheme. The government envisions that it will be necessary to develop and administer a scheme for evaluating, "accrediting", and mapping different forms of credentials that can be used to authenticate users for E-Gov services. Such credentials would include both Federal government-issued credentials and credentials issued by non-Federal entity
- Credential Validation Services. The government anticipates that some, if not all, of the credentials required for authentication will require validation of current status and/or authenticity. Validation Services, as depicted in Figure 1 of this RFI, will be required and may be performed by government entities, the Gateway Service Provider(s), or other entities

The government anticipates that these components and, potentially, other components of the Gateway may have commercial appeal and value to the private sector and other public sector sector entities. The government requests information on the following:

- What is the commercial value of the E-Authentication Gateway and, in particular, the Gateway components described above in the private sector and do these components and services have broader based application than just for the Federal government?
- In what ways can the government leverage that value with industry in terms of innovative funding strategies, such as share in savings, cost sharing, fee for service, subscription fees, or other approaches?
- The Development and Administration of Gateway Components The government anticipates that the development and administration of the Gateway components described above and, potentially, other components of the Gateway may be facilitated through efforts already underway in industry. The government seeks information on the existence of industry-based efforts to develop and administer service components needed for the Gateway and the application of those efforts to the Federal E-Gov initiative. In particular the government seeks information on:
 - What are the potential relationships (contractual and otherwise) between government and industry that could facilitate the development and administration of Gateway services and how is it envisioned that it would work?
 - What is the value proposition for such relationships/partnerships? What is the value to the government? What is the value to industry?
 - Are there any particular alliances, consortia or standards bodies that the government should be participating in? If so, what are they?

6.3 Technical

- Response Types It is anticipated that the gateway will provide the following types of responses for use by the agency application:
 - An "anonymous ticket" (similar to movie tickets) that do not contain user-specific information, and that are used for anonymous access. The presence or possession of an anonymous ticket means that some criteria have been met. There is no way for an agency application to obtain additional user information automatically.
 - A "pass" (similar to an airline pass) that has a full, stand-alone payload, which contains the user's submitted credentials. There is no need for an agency application to obtain additional user information automatically.
 - A "partial pass" which contains some user-specific information, and which an agency application use to obtain additional user information automatically if desired.

- A "voucher" (e.g., an ephemeral handle or index into a database to with which additional user information is obtained). There is no user-specific information in a voucher.

Please comment on these suggestion response types. Are they sufficient, or are additional types needed? Are their existing, applicable "standards" in this area?

- APIs Please provide architectural and technical information and/or recommendations
 on applicable APIs for consideration for use in the E-Authentication gateway system. (As
 appropriate, please discuss from the perspective of ease of interfacing to the portal,
 gateway, AAs, and DCPs.)
- Applicable standards Please provide recommendations on applicable standards (e.g., application communication protocols, session management techniques, etc.) that should be considered for use in the E-Authentication gateway system. A part of the gateway strategy is an open design and a desire to allow the gateway to evolve with technology. (As applicable, please consider interactions between: the portal and the gateway; the portal and agency applications [AAs]; AAs and the gateway; the gateway and digital credential providers [DCPs].) (Please apply a flexible definition to the term "standards". Please feel free to comment on ISO standards, IETF, RFCs, OASIS standards, de facto standards, best common business practices, etc.)
- Architecture constraints (e.g., use of federated models)
 - Please provide architectural and technical information as well as viability
 considerations regarding an implementation where the E-Authentication gateway
 provides authentication services only; where authorization and access privilege
 information is neither maintained nor managed at the E-Authentication gateway (e.g.,
 authorization and access privilege information maintained and managed at the AA or
 at a portal).
 - Please provide architectural and technical information as well as viability considerations regarding an implementation where the E-Authentication gateway provides validation of credentials on behalf of the AA, when AAs are accessed directly by the user, via the portal as a set of links, and via the portal as a "proxy" for the AA.
 - Please provide architectural and technical information as well as viability considerations regarding an implementation where the E-Authentication gateway determines if the user credential presented for validation meets or exceeds the AA identity authentication (AuthN) requirements for the requested service, where the AA AuthN requirement information is maintained in federated lists/databases (e.g., not located as part of the E-Authentication gateway).
 - Implications on AuthZ of this federated AuthN process given the highly diverse AuthZ environment of the Federal government.

- Scalability strategies
 - Please provide architectural and technical information regarding scalability strategies and considerations. (Consider this in the context of anticipating continued increased public usage that exceeds timely response capabilities of the initial gateway system.)
- Interoperability with multi-vendor, multi-sector approach
 - Please provide architectural and technical information regarding an implementation where multiple gateways by different vendors are deployed. (Please elaborate on circumstances where E-Authentication sessions begun in one gateway could be transferred to another gateway. Are there established standards [e.g., SAML] that are applicable in this scenario?)
- Session Management Please provide architectural and technical information regarding
 session management strategies. Please address issues such as: access via traditional
 wireless devices (e.g., cell phones, PDAs); access via browsers configured to prohibit
 cookies; session management transfer between different gateways; ephemeral handles or
 keys to minimize user tracking vis-a-vis activity logs; etc.) Also, please provide
 suggestions for how an agency application (AA) could correlate ephemeral session
 handles to static entries in that AA's customer database.
- Conceptual drawings and diagrams identifying alternative process flows to those identified above are encouraged.

6.4 Credential Evaluation and "Mapping"

Please provide architectural and technical information concerning methods for establishing, mapping and maintaining a finite but potentially large spectrum of digital credential relationships and equivalences. Consider applicable standards and protocols for exchange and communication of credential characteristics, currency, issuing bases and interfacing with Agency applications both modern and legacy.

6.5 Compliance with Government Mandates for Protection of Privacy Information

The government anticipates that the E-Authentication Gateway will not maintain locally stored personal information other than standard logs of authentication transaction activity. The government intends that any of the information that must be maintained by the Gateway for transaction audit purposes will be required to meet, at a minimum, all protection, confidentiality, and disclosure requirements of the Federal Privacy Act. As stated above in this RFI, the government anticipates that the services of the Gateway may have broader commercial and public sector application than just for Federal services. The government requests information on the willingness of potential private and public sector participants and users of Gateway services to meet the requirements of the Privacy Act and other Federal requirements associated with the protection of personal information.

6.6 DCPs

The government anticipates an operating environment where digital credentials issued by entities other than the gateway are submitted to and validated by the gateway to meet authentication requirements of AAs. It is expected that the community of digital credential providers (DCPs) will be highly federated. As indicated in Section 6.2 of this RFI, the

government envisions that it will be necessary to develop and administer validation processes. The government requests information on this approach from potential DCPs pertaining to:

- What is the willingness of potential DCPs to participate in the Federal E-Gov authentication process?
- What are potential processes and forums for the development of schemas for evaluating types of credentials for different assurance levels? In particular, the government is interested in information on industry-based forums that could be used to meet the government's objectives.
- What are the business models for DCPs for the authentication services as presented in this RFI?

6.7 Anonymous Access

What technologies are available for anonymous but authenticated access? What is the maturity of such technology? Is it scalable to a level appropriate for use within the E-Authentication program?

6.8 Session Management

What technology is or is not required for session management? Can single sign on solutions be provided without session cookies being utilized?

6.9 PCI Gateway

Please provide input on the following:

- To identify the requesting agency application is authorized to receive the requested user information.
- Where should that agency authorization information be stored?
- How a user pre-authorizes release of user-selected private information?
- Situations where the user does not give a pre-release authorization, but yet agencies are permitted by law to share?

7. Glossary of Terms and Acronyms

Term/Acronym	Definition		
AA _n	An "arbitrary" Agency Application		
ACES	Access Certificates for Electronic Services		
API	Applications Programming Interface		
ARL	Authentication Requirements Level		
AuthN	Authentication		
AuthZ	Authorization		
CAM	Certificate Arbitration Module		
CRL	(digital) Credential Revocation List		
DAVE	(path) Discovery and Validation Engine		
DCP	Digital Credential Providers		
FBCA	Federal Bridge Certification Authority		
FirstGov	Government wide portal found at www.firstgov.gov		
FPKIPA	Federal Public Key Infrastructure Policy Authority		
FSS	Federal Supply Service		
G2B	Government – Business transactions		
G2C	Government – Citizen transactions		
G2G	Government – Government transactions		
GSA	General Services Administration		
GW	Gateway		
GWAC	Government-wide Agency Contract		
IETF	Internet Engineering Task Force		
ISO	International Standards Organization		
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding		
OASIS	Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information		
	Standards		
OMB	Office of Management and Budget		
PCI	Private Consumer Information		
PDA	Personal Digital Assistant		
PKI	Public Key Infrastructure		
RFC	Request for Comment		
SAML	Security Assertion Markup Language		
SSA	Social Security Administration		
VS	(Digital Credential) Validation Service		